

► Hawai'i's Public Access Room ◀

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Legislative Timetable

January

17th Opening Day.
22nd State-of-the-State Address.
23rd State-of-the-Judiciary Address
24th One day recess.
26th Last day for introduction of bills.

February

16th First Lateral.
22nd -28th Mandatory 5 day recess.

March

2nd Filing deadline for First Decking.
5th One day recess
6th Filing deadline for budget bills.
7th One day recess.
8th First Crossover.
14th Last day to intro substantive resolutions.
23rd Second Lateral.
30th One day recess.

April

6th Filing deadline for Second Decking.
9th One day recess.
11th One day recess.
12th Second Crossover.
First crossover for concurrent resolutions.
16th Deadline for naming conferees.
17th One day recess.
19th Deadline for final form of constitutional amendments.
23rd Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions.
26th Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.
30th One day recess.

May

2nd One day recess.
3rd Adjournment Sine Die.

CAPITOL TV

Capitol TV brings you live coverage and re-telecasts of legislative affairs. The convenience of having telecasts in your home is a great asset to the public. The Public Access Room works with Capitol TV, scheduling the televising of the hearings and posting telecast times and dates on the notice board outside our room. The purpose of Capitol TV is to educate and inform the public, thus enabling a more involved populace to help create healthy debates, which are essential for a well-functioning democracy. Suzanne Marinelli, PAR coordinator, selects which of the Senate hearings to be telecast. The House Vice-Speaker's office works with committee chairs to decide which of the House hearings will be telecast.

Glenn Booth, Capitol TV producer, and his crew have been working diligently for the past eight years molding Capitol TV into what it is today. Conrado Bush, Capitol TV director and crew chief, claims that the crew has the most exciting positions in the Legislature because things are always happening around them! The Capitol TV crew is a friendly addition to the legislative session.



Ivan Nakasone, Conrado Bush, and Diego Cadiente take a break from work long enough to crack a smile for the camera

The telecasts are originally televised live on Oahu with between two and four re-telecasts via 'Olelo channels. Live television is stressful and the crew must remain focused because, as Conrado Bush says, "You only get one chance to do the very best job you can do. If you make a mistake, there is no opportunity to redo it." Before rolling the cameras, the crew must make sure the cameras are strategically placed for each broadcast. Carefully chosen camera angles can make you feel like an actual part of the hearing.

Looking for a retecast? Check out www.olelo.org and double-click on **Online Program Guide** to review the schedule. Telecasts can even be viewed live with the use of webstreaming via 'OleloNet, a link from 'Olelo's web-site.

Things work differently with the Neighbor Islands. Telecasts are televised via HITS (Hawaii Interactive Television Services) and then rebroadcast according to their carrier's schedule. Maui's carrier is Akaku, Kauai's Ho'ike, and the Big Island's Na Leo 'O Hawaii. From the 'Olelo web-site, you can link to your carrier's web-site by double clicking on **Links**.

Having trouble finding telecast information? Go to the legislature's web-site: www.capitol.hawaii.gov. From the homepage, click on **Legislative Information** in the left-hand column. Then click on **Broadcast** and receive current and past

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telecast information.

Many people confuse Capitol TV with 'Olelo, the Corporation for Community Television. The concept of televising hearings was originally conceived in 1993 by Representative Les Ihara (now Senator Ihara) and Senator Carol Fukunaga with the aid of 'Olelo. The Legislative Broadcasts were originally run on grants by 'Olelo. Capitol TV has evolved out of that operation. Now, Capitol TV is its own entity, using the 'Olelo channels for telecasting.

Telecast hearings typically last from 2 to 3 hours, but throughout session, some broadcasts (usually floor sessions) can run over sixteen hours. In some situations long hours could be mundane, but Diego Cadiente, cameraman, claims that "from all the excitement of the legislature" he finds the "momentum to keep on going."

Mahalo to the **Capitol TV crew** for all their hard work!



Dan Garab and Scott Richards toil away at the production console

Upcoming Events on the Legislative Timetable

First Decking: Last day to deck bills for third reading in the originating body - March 2nd (March 6th for Budget Bills)

First Crossover: Last day for third reading of bills in the originating body - March 8th

Note: These dates have already passed. If a bill has not made First Decking or First Crossover, it can no longer be considered for passage. There are approximately 780 bills that have passed the 'First Crossover' deadline (the final tally of bills was not available by press time). If your bill was not included in this group, it is effectively dead. Check the status of the bill that you're interested in on the legislative website - www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Second Lateral: Last day for bills that have "crossed-over" to move to their final committee in non-originating chamber - March 23rd

Second Decking: Last day to deck bills which were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body. - April 6th

Second Crossover: Last day for third reading of bills which were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body - April 12th

The deadlines denoted as 'Second' have the same explanations and purposes as the 'First' deadlines except they apply to the non-originating chamber rather than the chamber of origin. Because we have a *bicameral* (two chamber) system, if one chamber passes a measure, the other chamber must address the bill using the same procedures. (e.g. committee referrals, floor vote, and decking with amendments).

Last day to introduce substantive resolutions - March 14th

First crossover for concurrent resolutions - April 12th

There are two types of substantive resolutions--*concurrent* and *single-house* resolutions. They are used to express the position of the Legislature but do not have the force and effect of law. While some resolutions are simply used as offerings of congratulations and/or condolences (non-substantive), the substantive ones are treated in the same manner as bills, subject to the same procedures and protocols but with different deadlines (as listed in the Legislative Timetable).

FYI - "48 hours" may appear on the status page of a given bill, after a particular date. This denotes the date upon which the final version of a bill was made available to the members of either chamber with a minimum of 48 hours prior to a vote by that body. [Hawaii State Constitution, Article III, Section 15. "No bill shall become law unless it shall pass three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall pass third or final reading in either house unless printed copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall have been made available to the members of that house for at least forty-eight hours."]

Community Outreach

The Public Access Room staff will be available to go to community and civic organizations across the state, especially the neighbor islands, during the interim (April – December) to conduct workshops and presentations. Workshops on legislative process, understanding documents, and useful internet sites may be conducted as well as discussions on topics of specific interest to your group. Feel free to give us a call if you would like to schedule an event in your area or if you would like to bring a group to the Capitol.

Workshop Schedule

Legislative Process and Citizen Participation

March 14, 5:30, March 22, Noon

Legislative Documents

March 13, Noon